




archy's life of mehitabel
 written by the columnist, poet, novelist and humorist Don Marquis was published as an anthology in 1933.

The Characters:

- Archy the Cockroach** (transmigrated from the soul of a vers libre bard) spends his time head-bumping the keys of Marquis's typewriter. His verse text is in lower case - no punctuation - as he can't reach the shift keys. Archy is a somewhat satirical muse with great observation of daily life.
- Mehitabel the Cat** (transmigrated from the soul of Cleopatra and other wanton wily women) turns to Archy occasionally for companionship i.e. when she's

not in a scrap in Fishbone Alley or chatting up some Tom. Mehitabel is the main subject of Archy's verse.

I was introduced to the humorous exploits of Archy and Mehitabel by my mentor, Jill Gustafson when I was studying speech and drama. My absolute delight and enjoyment in the style and form was shared by many of my students when I introduced them to these timeless entertaining character sketches.

The copy on my shelf is a first edition. It is very special to me as it was given to me by an appreciative student.

